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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS: PRESS RELEASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE APPROVED AT CONCLUSION
OF DEC 6-7 BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS.

2. "A MEETING WAS HELD DEC 6-7, 1973, WITH PARTICIPATION
OF OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS OF THE UNDERSECRETARIAT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
AND THE SECRETARIAT OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES OF MEXICO AND OF
THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF THE U.S., REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SECTIONS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION ALSO PARTICIPATED.

3. "DURING THE MEETING THE PARTICIPANTS EXCHANGED INFORMATION
CONCERNING FIELDS OF ACTION AND PROGRAMS IN BOTH COUNTRIES,
AND STUDIED THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PROBLEMS RELATIVE
TO MONITORING (MEASUREMENT OF CONTAMINANTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT),
CONTROL OF VEHICULAR-PRODUCED CONTAMINATION, CONTROL OF
CONTAMINATION FROM WASTE WATERS AND FROM SOLID WASTES.

4. "THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED FROM THE EXCHANGE
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A) BOTH PARTIES EMPHASIZED AN INTEREST IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION WHICH MIGHT OCCUR ALONG THE MEXICAN-U.S. BORDER.

B) WITHOUT REACHING COMMITMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL NATURE, THERE WAS STUDIED THE POSSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT JOINT STUDY PROGRAMS TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ALONG THE BORDER THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND PERTINENT DATA.

C) THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THIS BINATIONAL COLLABORATION IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF COMMON PROBLEMS AND CONSTITUTES ONE MORE LINK IN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

D) A SIMILAR GROUP WILL MEET AT A LATER DATE TO REVIEW THE ACHIEVEMENTS RESULTING FROM THE EFFORTS CARRIED OUT BY THE EXPERTS."
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